

Band Member Of The Week

HARRIS DAVIS - Harris is the 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy M. Davis and is a senior at Elba High. He has been in Elba's band program for eight years and has marched five. He plays the tuba in the marching and symphonic bands. He is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Beta Club and French Club.

"My Wish"

To see your smile
Would light my eyes,
To hear your voice
Would lift my heart.
So warm and gentle
Would mean so much.

To have you at my side,
To hear the whisper
Of your lips,
To feel your warm breath
On my face,
Close to my own,
To have you make me feel wanted,
And never alone,
To stop the world
And be with you,
If only for an hour,
Is my only wish.

But you are not here,
And every night,
My thoughts and memories
Are of you --
In every tear.

EHS Senior

Tiger Pause

MARTY HARRELSON
Editor

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Assistant Editors



EHS Seniors Of The Week

DEBBIE BLAIR - Debbie is the 17-year-old daughter of James and Barbara Blair. She has always attended Elba City Schools and is a member of the Jr. Music Club, historian of Mu Alpha Theta, secretary of the Sr. Beta Club, and secretary of the senior class.

Her favorite class is English literature and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Judith Tucker. She enjoys dancing and twirling and most remembers being selected 1985 homecoming queen.

After graduation, she plans to attend Troy State University.

SHELLY AMISON - Shellye is the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Amison and is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, Jr. Music Club, vice-president of Girl Scout Troop #800, and president of Beta Club.

Her favorite class is physiology and she enjoys dancing and reading. She most remembers being drum major for the Marching Tigers and plans to attend Troy State University after graduation.

MIKE MCCOLLUGH - Mike is the 17-year-old son of Mickey and Paula McCollough and is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, FFA, Beta Club, and E Club. His favorite class is Agribusiness and his favorite teacher is Mr. Mike Carney.

He enjoys hunting and fishing and suggests less homework for improvement at EHS.

His most memorable time at Elba High was the 1984 football season. Upon graduation he plans to attend Florida State University.

Football Feature

PATRICK NORRIS - Patrick is the 16-year-old son of Ms. Judy Norris and is a junior at EHS. He plays strong safety for the Tigers and is a member of FFA, FBIA, Mu Alpha Theta, E Club and the Senior Beta Club.

DARREN SMITH - Darren is a junior defensive tackle for the Tigers and is the son of John R. and Linda Smith. He is 16 years old and a member of the FFA, FBIA, E Club and First Baptist Church.

PATRICK MEEK - Patrick is a senior at EHS and is the son of Ms. Patsy Meek. He plays the position of quarterback and is a member of FFA and the E Club.

JIMMY CLAY - Jimmy is a senior and the son of Ms. Bernice Clay. He is a manager for the Tigers and is a member of the FFA, E Club, and the United Methodist Church in Elba.

Elba Middle School To Have Book Fair

The Elba Middle School will sponsor a student book fair from November 4 to November 8. Students will be able to browse and purchase books. The book fair will be open during school hours. Books will be on display in the library.

The Middle School invites all students, parents and visitors to attend the fair. The fair will encourage student interest in reading and in building home libraries, and will also contribute to a worthwhile project.

The book fair display will include attractive new books from many major publishers in all popular price ranges. There will be many wonderful books to read or to give as gifts.

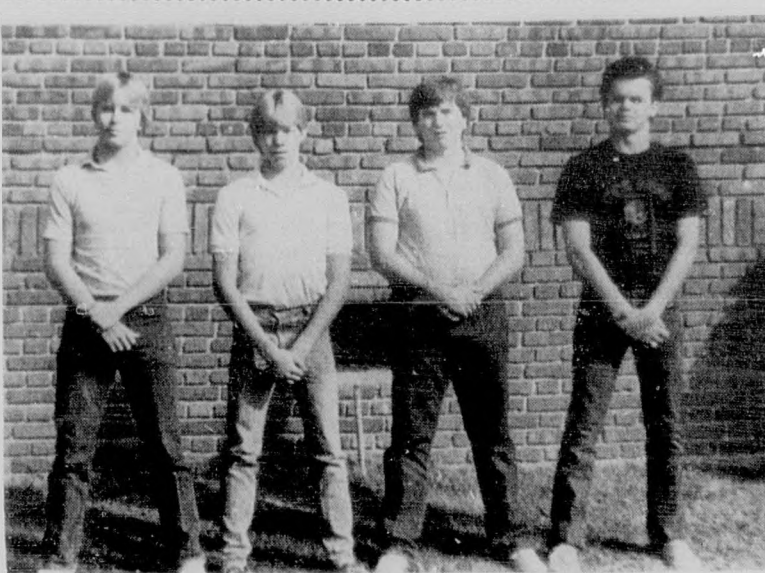
All reading interest will be represented, including classics, fiction, biographies, adventure stories, science, nature, crafts, mystery and reference books.



Guess Who?

This week's mystery couple have been together for years. They are both members of the senior class at EHS. They have the same last name, but are not married. Can you guess who?

Last week's mystery person was Toni Barnes.



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Danon Lowrey Is Named Football Sweetheart

Each year the varsity football team elects a cheerleader to represent the team as their sweetheart. This year the players chose **Danon Lowrey**. She is a junior at EHS and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Lowrey.

She is a member of the Beta Club, French Club, Mu Alpha Theta, vice-president of the Jr. Music Club, president of the junior class, and serves as captain of the cheerleader squad. She attends First Baptist Church in Elba.

Keep On Praying

Based on Ephesians 6:14-18
"Pray in the spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." Ephesians 6:18, NIV.
How does your life fit these instructions? If there is a key phrase in the Bible, it is "keep praying." Praying is the first step toward God and it is the continuing process of staying in touch with Him.

When troubles arise, some people keep quiet; they don't ask anyone for help. That weakens friendships, and it is deadly to our relationship with God.

He tells us clearly to come to Him with all our problems and to pray also for our friends and their needs.

If time spent measures the importance of an activity, how much importance do you put on prayer?



Danon Lowrey - Ricky Mularz

**Christie Farris & Anna Smith Jr. Football
Cheerleader Sweethearts**

The junior high Tigers recently chose Christie Farris and Anna Smith to be the 1985 football sweethearts.

Christie is the daughter of Wayne and Jolinda Farris and serves as captain of the junior cheerleaders. Anna is the daughter of Ms. Annie Smith and is in the ninth grade.



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County Health Dept. Employees Air Numerous Complaints About Size & Condition Of Facilities

Kenneth Ball, administrator of the Coffee County Health Dept., was present at the October 14 meeting of the Coffee County Commission requesting additional housing for the department; letters from three supervisors in the health department clarified the problems and needs of the employees.

In a letter sent to Ball, Mrs. Ann Edwards, clerical supervisor, county registrar, stated, "The present staff in excess of 40 people using this building, which includes state and district support staff, makes it impossible to provide services for the current caseload, not even considering those who are authorized and needing services in the county that cannot be served because of total saturation of present facilities."

In the letter, Mrs. Edwards pointed out that in the past 12 years the health department staff had increased from six full-time employees to 36 full-time and 20 part-time employees, plus additional support staff from district and state.

According to the letter, the 16-chair capacity waiting room is combined with the secretarial pool working area, which "is causing stress, burnout and unnecessary tension on employees."

Mrs. Edwards stated the secretaries were in direct contact with "a waiting room full of patients" five days a week, eight hours a day, while four secretaries must stand and work the counter, leaving their desks unattended.

The letter also pointed out a problem concerning space for file cabinets, a need for an employee break room, a need for additional bathrooms and an urgent need for additional space for all agencies.

A letter from Mrs. Tammy Bolen, nursing supervisor, Clinic Programs, stressed, "Overcrowded working conditions, lack of parking space, lack of space for supplies, and equipment necessary to provide proper medical care to the patients of Coffee County, and a lack of space to set up projector and films and seat the people to watch it, the department is not able to meet the federal guidelines. If this continues, federal auditors will cut caseload and funds, causing services not to be provided to the citizens of Coffee County, due to a lack of space to operate the program properly."

Immunization Program - 704 immunizations (shots) were given in Enterprise in the past 12 months. In Elba, 206 shots were given; 115 T.B. skin tests were given and each returned for tests to be read and documented; 600 blue certificates of immunization were issued, as required by state law before a child can enter nursery, kindergarten or elementary school. These services required 1000 visits into the health department during the past 12 months.

Medicaid Screening Program - 351 medical examinations were given for the one program alone during the past 12 months. In Enterprise, 175 in Elba. This program brings \$9,477 into Coffee County annually, and could be tripled if space for services and additional employees could be obtained.

General Disease Program - 1,584 persons were tested and treated for VD in Enterprise during the past 12 months - 52 in Elba. T.B. Program - 2 positive TB cases were treated monthly, 20 contact persons monthly in Enterprise during past 12 months, totaling 276 visits. In Elba - 2 positive cases, with 6 contact persons being seen monthly for medication.

Family Planning Program - 1,034 participants enrolled in Coffee County, each of these must be seen once each month, which equals 8,640 visits per year for this program alone. Elba has 244 enrolled, who must be seen one time each month, which equals 2,928 visits per year for this one program.

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Thirty years ago, while not the only farm crop being grown in earlier days, cotton was still the leader. Then, peanuts nudged cotton out of the way and came within reach of totally displacing the white fluff. Peanuts took the lead for several years, just as soybeans were being introduced and beef cattle and hog production were gaining ground.

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The events kick off with the Farm Bureau agri-business banquet at the New Brook Farm Center on Monday evening, November 18, at 7 o'clock.

Coffee County Escapee Remains At Large

An inmate at the Coffee County Jail who escaped last week by slipping through a 14-inch gap between the back gates remains at large this week despite an intensive search by local authorities.

The escapee, Howard K. Tolson, age 43, of Opp, had been in jail for 10 months on a charge of discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle and was scheduled to go on trial this week.

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Mr. Pierre Lee [right] presents a picture of former probate judge Pierre Darcy Costello to Coffee County Probate Judge Marion Brunson. Mr. Lee, a resident of Chicago, Ill., brought the picture to Judge Brunson to be included in a collection of pictures of all Coffee County probate judges.

Illinois Resident Adds Historic Painting To Pictorial Display Of County Probate Judges

Coffee County Probate Judge Marion Brunson has recently begun a project to acquire pictures of all probate judges in the history of the county, and the project resulted in an unusual visitor last week when a resident of Chicago, Ill., brought a picture of former judge Pierre Darcy Costello.

The visitor, Pierre Lee, had talked with Judge Brunson on the phone on numerous occasions concerning the picture of the late Judge Costello, and came to Elba while in Alabama to attend a funeral.

Lee is a descendant of Charles Stephens Lee, the first Lee family in Coffee County, and was distantly related to the wife of the former judge, Cordelia Lee Costello, which led to Mr. Lee being named after the judge.

Judge Costello was the first probate judge in Conecuh County and was elected at age 19. He came to Coffee County after being married and was elected probate judge in 1856, becoming the second judge in

Coffee County's history. He was killed in the Civil War in a battle at Murfreesboro, and buried in Tennessee, although a memorial marker is located at the Shiloh Cemetery.

Judge Costello's widow was an influential person in Elba following the war and played an active role in the acquisition of the stained window at the Elba United Methodist Church. A street in Elba was also named in her honor.

Elba Native Named 1985 Woman Of Achievement

The Dothan League of the Business and Professional Women named Gail Oberst as their Woman of Achievement 1985 at their annual awards banquet. Each year the professional women's group recognizes a woman who has excelled in her profession and community.

Oberst is the director of University Affairs and executive assistant to the president of Troy State Dothan Ft. Rucker. She has served as director of Financial Affairs and as an assistant professor with the university. She has worked with Central Texas College as director of Administrative Services in the Pacific and in international public relations. She holds a master's of Business Administration degree and has published several articles.

She is actively involved in the American Association of University Women, Business and Professional Women, Association of the U.S. Army, Army Aviation Credit Union and Chamber of Commerce committees. She presents a number of programs related to women, marketing and management in various seminars and programs.

She has been listed in **Personality of the South, International Who's Who in Education, Outstanding Young Women of America**, and selected as Elba's Woman of the Year.

Oberst is the former Gail Farmer, of Elba, and the daughter of Mrs. Doris Farmer.

Denton Aide To Be In Elba Nov.12

Kitty Reickenback, a special assistant to Sen. Jeremiah Denton, will be in the Coffee County on Tuesday, November 12, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the probate conference room on the first floor.

In an effort to assist his constituents, Sen. Denton is providing this service to the people of Coffee County who are having problems with any federal agency. No appointment is necessary and the service is free.

Mrs. Reickenback will have privacy forms necessary for dealing with the government, and said that will save anyone who has a problem at least a week's time.

"We do get answers from the different agencies," she said. "Sometimes it is not the answer we want, but many times it is. We can't promise any miracles, but we will exhaust all sources for information and assistance."

"This is a service for everyone; it is strictly non-partisan," said Mrs. Reickenback.



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BRAINSTORMS

By Ferrin Cox, Publisher

We accepted an invite to break bread with the members of the Coffee County Farmers Co-op recently. Over 150 of them showed up to eat the fried catfish and homemade cakes. We are trying to cut down on our food intake, but still make exceptions for such occasions. We managed to work in some of two different cakes with those hot fish, taters, etc., and it was all kinds good. Everything would have been perfect, but for an unkind remark from one we thought was our friend who made the observation that this was probably the first fish we had had all year. It wasn't because of all the fish bones piled on my plate, because I kept dumping those on a regular basis, but he was passing insults at my fishing ability. To add insult to injury, I told wife Hedy about the statement, and all she could say was "Well --!" Like maybe she too was knocking my fishing ability.

We saw things at the Elba-Daleville football game that we didn't like. When tempers flare on the ball field to the point that fights break out, something is wrong. We refrain from casting a stone at anyone, and it wouldn't do any good anyway. However, we urge our coaching staff to have a game plan for such situations at all times. It may never happen again in my lifetime, but then it could happen at any time. There are people out there who will stoop to any depth to win games, and players who would take out their own frustrations with their fists. We need to be prepared to insure such incidents don't spread, as the results could be as expensive as embarrassing to the school and community.

Both the local banks are on our mind today. The big news is that the Elba Exchange Bank, recently purchased by SouthTrust, is planning a branch facility in Enterprise. The required legal notices began running this week. The facility is planned for Main Street in downtown Enterprise. Again, knowing I am a sucker for good groceries, the ladies at The Peoples Bank knew I was in the bank last week, not on money business but to sample the free snacks they were passing out. It was all good, but those roasted peanuts were done by an expert, or panel of experts. We brought some back to the office for my co-workers, hoping they wouldn't eat them and I could start again... but it didn't work as they ate every one and probably liked the sides of the cup.

We are all excited now that Humphrey the whale has made it back down the river to the Pacific Ocean. Estimates are that it cost \$60,000 to herd the large mammal back downriver to salt water. We like animals, fish - and even some snakes are okay - but to spend that much money just to save one animal is quite a bit further than this country boy ever intends to go. Why I couldn't even spend that much on a weekend fishing trip with my sons or with friends!

We went to a Burl Ives concert this week. He was performing before a full house. We enjoyed the performance, but I sat there feeling a bit guilty because we only had two season tickets. I waited too late to purchase additional tickets for our two sons who would have enjoyed the well-known ballad singer also. In fact, those of you who weren't there can't brag that you got to sing along with Burl Ives! Those in attendance can honestly say that... all except me, 'cause I ain't a singer and I know it.

The recent theft of some very valuable paintings from a show place in Paris, France, made headlines worldwide. It is hard for me to consider the loss as a multi-million dollar loss, because we just can't get excited with impressionist paintings. Almost every time we look at one, we wonder just what age that child was that drew that crude picture. The only thing that would have made them valuable to us would have been that one of our children did the painting.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

The Elba Police Dept. reported an active week with a total of one arrest (auto theft) and four traffic tickets (expired tag, driving without a license, failure to dim lights and driving under the influence). Following are daily activity reports:

TUESDAY, OCT. 29
Activity included a disturbance on Reynolds St. (11:41 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 30
Activity included a burglary at Grimes Gas Station (6:39 a.m.), a minor wreck on 84 East (11:02 a.m.), and a wreck at the Dairy Queen (2:21 p.m.).

THURSDAY, OCT. 31
Activity included a wreck on Simmons St. (12:32 p.m.) and a wreck on County Rd. 60 (4:11 p.m.).

FRIDAY, NOV. 1
Activity included cows out on

Smith Ave., (7:45 a.m.), cows out on 84 East (11:28 a.m.) and a prowler on Smith Ave. (9:10 p.m.).

SATURDAY, NOV. 2
Routine activity reported.

SUNDAY, NOV. 3
Activity included a wreck on Old Sanson Rd. (1:04 p.m.) and a prowler at the pool (7:44 p.m.).

MONDAY, NOV. 4
Whitewater Bridge (6:31 a.m.), a wreck at Grimes Oil (8:51 a.m.) and a wreck near Cox's Station (3:46 p.m.).

Veterans Day is held to honor all veterans

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The drivers of the pickup truck and station wagon pictured above escaped uninjured last Thursday, October 31, in this accident that occurred at an intersection on Simmons St. Both drivers said the light was green as they approached the intersection. No citations were issued.



Katrina Calhoun (right) is shown accepting a quilt from Mrs. Aliene English of the Pink Ladies of Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home. The quilt was prepared by the Pink Ladies, and Katrina accepts it for her aunt, Mrs. Maxine Prescott, who won it during Elba's Industrial Day celebration.



Janie Waddell, left, accepts the quilt she won on Elba's Industrial Day. Also included are (second from left) - Margaret Haire, Frances Trammell and Aliene English, Pink Ladies at Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home, who prepared the quilt for the special day.

HOSPITAL REPORT

Persons admitted to Elba General Hospital during the period of October 29 through November 4 include the following:

James Simmons, Bill Smart, Patricia Kidd, Catherine Hudson, Frances Henderson, Hattie Bass, Serica Rushing, Shirley Carnley, Mary Senn, Lula Mooney, Mary Knight, Anna Marie Daniels, Jennie Pearl Warren, Jennifer Lindsey, Patricia Bishop, Milton Edmondson, Callie Carr, Perry Lee Stricklin, Peggy Bohannon, Estelle Lunsford, Jimmy Jurasak, Samuel Carnley, Glenda Senn, Hazel Blackman, Estelle Jackson, Delisa Mitchell.

Those discharged during the same period of time include: Tommy Burks, Joe Bradshaw, Robert Richardson, Ibelle Oggs, Evin Blackman, Cathy Odom, Ralph Bragg, Robyn Stricklin, John Boswell, J.D. Witherington, Thomas McGhee, Gerald Haws, Estelle Jackson, Jessie Martin, Bill Smart, Lee Bullard, J.L. Smith, Shirley Carnley, Hattie Bass, Jennifer Lindsey, James Simmons, Robert Donaldson, Perry Lee Stricklin, Serica Rushing, Mary Knight, Bonnie Nelson, Anna Marie Daniels, Clauzel Duncan, Patricia Bishop, Milton Edmondson, Monroe Young, Mary Senn.

OBITUARY

Alfred Charles Ward Bryant
Mr. Alfred Charles Ward Bryant, 24, of Enterprise, died October 25, 1985.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 2, 1985, at 3 p.m. from Friendship Baptist Church, Enterprise. Rev. N.L. Robinson officiating. Interment was in Pleasant Rest Cemetery, with Scioners and Sons Funeral Home directing.

He is survived by his mother - Mrs. Alice Faye Calhoun McGow, Miami, Fla.; his father - A.C. Ward, Covington, Kentucky; **step-father** - James Grady McGow, Miami; one **brother** - Ulysses Bryant Jr., Enterprise; two **sisters** - Carolyn Bryant Diggs, Enterprise; and Bernadine Bryant Graham, Miami; two **step-sisters** - Willette and Katrina McGow, Miami; **grandmothers** - Mary Alice Calhoun and Vergie Lee Rucker; **great-grandmother** - Johnnie Mae McNeil; **grandfathers** - Rev. Ralph Calhoun and Cliff Ward; **great grandfather** - Buddy Warren; special friend - Temarian Knight; adopted daughter - Valencia Knight; and other relatives and friends.



ARSON SUSPECTED... Elba Police Department officials suspect arson in a fire that was discovered last week inside a parked car on Reynolds St. The fire died as the result of no oxygen due to the windows being rolled up; however, moderate damage was incurred to the seats and upholstery of the vehicle.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

OPEN LETTER

Dear Elba Merchant,

As you know, at this time each year, we must begin planning toward Christmas for the children of Elba. These are children who, without the help of concerned citizens, would not otherwise have Christmas memories. As a part of Operation Santa Claus, toys will be collected and sent to Ft. Rucker for repair and distribution to children throughout the county. We are asking you to make a monetary donation so that Christmas fruit and candy can be purchased for the less fortunate children of Elba. Your thoughtful donation will be used only for local children.

Please send your donation to the Coffee County Department of Pensions and Security, P.O. Box 448, Elba, AL 36323, to the attention of Mrs. Glenda M. Frazier so that your donation may be earmarked for this very special occasion. Thank you for your care and concern for Elba's children.

Sincerely,
/s/ MRS. GLENDA M. FRAZIER
Community Resource Specialist

welfare of our schools that we realize success in such projects. In behalf of students, teachers and parents, we sincerely thank Elba merchants.

THE ZION CHAPEL PTO

Dear Mr. Cox,
Once again this year, the Elba Jaycees prepared Halloween "pumpkins" filled with treats for Coffee County's foster children. Coffee County Department of Pensions and Security appreciates the efforts of the Jaycees organization.

Bulletin Board
COFFEE COUNTY COONHUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. Club House S.S. REP. - City Hall - 3rd Tuesday 9:30 - 12:30 Call free 1-800-325-0334 ROTARY CLUB - Mon Noon - Beaver Dam Restaurant EASTERN STAR - 2nd - 4th Thurs 7 p.m. ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Thurs 8 a.m. - Becky's Buffet JAYCEES - 1st & 3rd Thurs 7 p.m. Beaver Dam Restaurant CITY COUNCIL - 2nd - 4th Mon. 8 p.m. BPW - 2nd Mon. 7 p.m. - Com. Room, Elba Exchange Bank LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues 7 p.m. Beaver Dam Restaurant ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs 5 p.m. Buil Office AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy. BOY SCOUTS - Mon. 7 p.m. Over old City Hall RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues 7 p.m. Library WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Tues 8 p.m. City Hall MASONIC LODGE #170 - 1st Sat. 3rd Mon. 7 p.m. AA - Wed. 8 p.m. - Sr. Citizens Bldg. BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. 7 p.m. Band Room

VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE - Tues. & Thurs 8:30-4:30, 887-2924 AL-ANON Wed. 8 p.m. Sr. Cit. Cen. Operation Santa Claus - Take toys to police station

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Cards Of Thanks

I wish to thank all my friends in Elba for their many acts of kindness while I was in the hospital. Your flowers, cards, phone calls and all concerns meant so much to me, and I will always remember you.

JACK PRESCOTT
11-7-jtc

June English Now With State Farm

As of November 1, Mrs. June English is a State Farm Insurance agent in Elba - the first female to be associated with the insurance company in this district. The district is composed of Elba, Andalusia, Opp, Enterprise, Brundidge, Troy and Luverne.

Previously associated with English Real Estate with her husband, Mayor Bob English, June says she is excited about her new position, and looks forward to the challenge.

The insurance field has been looked upon mainly as a man's occupation," she remarked, "but as in many other areas, women are becoming insurance people." The districts of Dothan, Mobile and Montgomery also have female representatives.

June says she was broken in properly at the very beginning when she attended a district meeting. "All the men were very nice to me," she said, "but told me not to expect that extra attention any more, because from now on, I would be 'just one of the boys'."

A native of Monroeville, June and Bob and their family came to Elba in August of 1976, from Evergreen where they lived for approximately 10 years. With them to the new home was a bookkeeper for International Harvester; after coming to



Elba she kept books for her husband when he went into business here.

"I feel I can be an effective representative for State Farm, since they are one of the largest insurance companies in the country, and I know they offer good programs," she said. The English's have four sons: Bobbie and Brad, students at the

University of Alabama; Brian, who attends Enterprise State Junior College; and Boyd, an 11th-grader at Elba High School.

Before becoming a certified State Farm agent, June had to pass a multiple state exam, one for each of the company's lines of insurance.



Norman Green



Marion Sanders



J.A. Young

SAEC Re-elects Trustees

Norman D. Green, Marion Sanders and J.A. Young were re-elected to serve as trustees for South Alabama Electric Cooperative at the cooperative's annual meeting on October 29 in Troy.

Four hundred forty one members registered, with over 900 in attendance, during Hurricane Juan's rainy, windy visit.

At the meeting Max Davis, cooperative manager, cited three ways in which utility costs are being controlled during 1985. He said, "Alabama Electric Cooperative and South Alabama Electric reduced the wholesale power adjustment factor from June 1, 1985, through December 31, 1985. A refund was made to members of the cooperative in June, 1985, as a result of a court settlement concerning the payment of the four percent utility gross receipt tax on operating margins from prior years. The Board of

Trustees approved the declaration of capital patronage to the members beginning in 1985."

He continued, "Since the cooperative operates on a non-profit basis, all funds received from the sale of electricity, in excess of operating costs and expenses, are allocated to all members based on patronage. Annually, the excess capital is credited to each member's account. The capital first received by the cooperative is the first refund. In 1985 the cooperative will pay capital patronage for the year 1987. The refund will involve 7,766 cooperative members and amount to \$81,204. The checks will be mailed December 1, 1985, to those members."

Davis also called attention to Project Share which gives members an opportunity to help fellow members in the communities who

are less fortunate. He explained that the members could donate one dollar each month on their utility bill to aid the elderly and disabled to pay their utility bills during the winter months. He added that Project Share is administered by the local Red Cross.

"The Dixie Echoes and the Golden Age Singers entertained. Walter Martin of Luverne was youth speaker, and the Charles Henderson High Future Farmers of America quartet sang."

A color television, an electric 30-inch stove, and a \$100 cash prize were awarded, as well as 39 other attendance prizes.

Theme for the meeting centered around the 50th anniversary of the Rural Electrification Administration with an emphasis on what the cooperative continues to do for members today.

New Arrivals

BRITTANY VICTORIA SMITH

Craig and Judy Smith of Andalusia announce the birth of a daughter, Brittany Victoria, on October 13, 1985, at 11:09 a.m. at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp. The new daughter weighed 5 lbs. 13 1/2 ozs. and was 18 inches long.

Grandparents are Billy and Linda Smith of Elba; Reubin and Kathleen Diamond, Andalusia; and Dewey Kyle Watson, Troy.

JOSHUA KEITH HUDSON

Keith and Laura Hudson of Montgomery announce the birth of a son, Joshua Keith, on October 28, 1985, at Baptist Hospital in Montgomery.

He weighed 6 lbs. 7 ozs., and was 19 1/2 inches long. Grandparents are John V. and Judy Parker Hudson of Montgomery; Mrs. Frances D. Byrd, Montgomery and Richard L. Byrd, Birmingham.

Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hudson, Elba; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Parker, Elba; Mr. and Mrs. A.L. Byrd, Auburn, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Broadway, Montgomery.

Ms. Plant Named ADO Info Specialist

Gerrienne Plant of Montgomery, with the Alabama Development Office, has been named information specialist in that state office. As such, she will be promoting the ADO by writing news releases on new and expanding industries in Alabama.

She also will be the associate editor of the Alabama Development News, a monthly newsletter devoted to industrial development in the state.

Ms. Plant, a former reporter and editor for the Advertiser, also will be attending graduate school at Auburn University at Montgomery in January. She will be pursuing her master's degree in public administration.

Ms. Plant, who is married to Mark Miller, formerly of Natusulga, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Plant of Ft. Myers, Fla., and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Plant of Elba, and Mamie Gibson of New Brockton.

She attended Troy State University, where she received degrees in political science and journalism, and was also editor of the campus newspaper, The Tropicana.

District WMU Meeting Set For Troy First Baptist

The District 5 Women's Missionary Union meeting will be held Wednesday, November 13, at the First Baptist Church in Troy.

The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m., with lunch to be served by the host church, and adjournment at 2 p.m. A pre-school nursery will be provided.

Specialized conferences will be held during the morning hours; and the missionary Rosie Bedsole from Ethiopia will speak in the afternoon. District 5 is composed of Barbour, Coffee, Columbia, Dale, Geneva, Judson and Salem-Troy associations.

All ladies in the Coffee Association are invited to attend.

Men To Meet At Friendship For Supper

Friendship Holiness Church will have the Men's Fellowship Supper Saturday, Nov. 9, beginning at 7 o'clock.

All area men invited.

"Black And Ghoul" Show On Again

The Elba P.T.O. will again present the "Black and Ghoul Show" at Elba High School auditorium, on Tuesday, November 12, beginning at 7 p.m.

Admission is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students.

DON'T MISS IT!! If for some reason you weren't there, You really missed a smashing affair.

Last Thursday night on the high school stage "Minnie Pearl" and "Roy Clark" were really the rage.

But if you weren't present, Do not despair. You have a second chance To see this affair.

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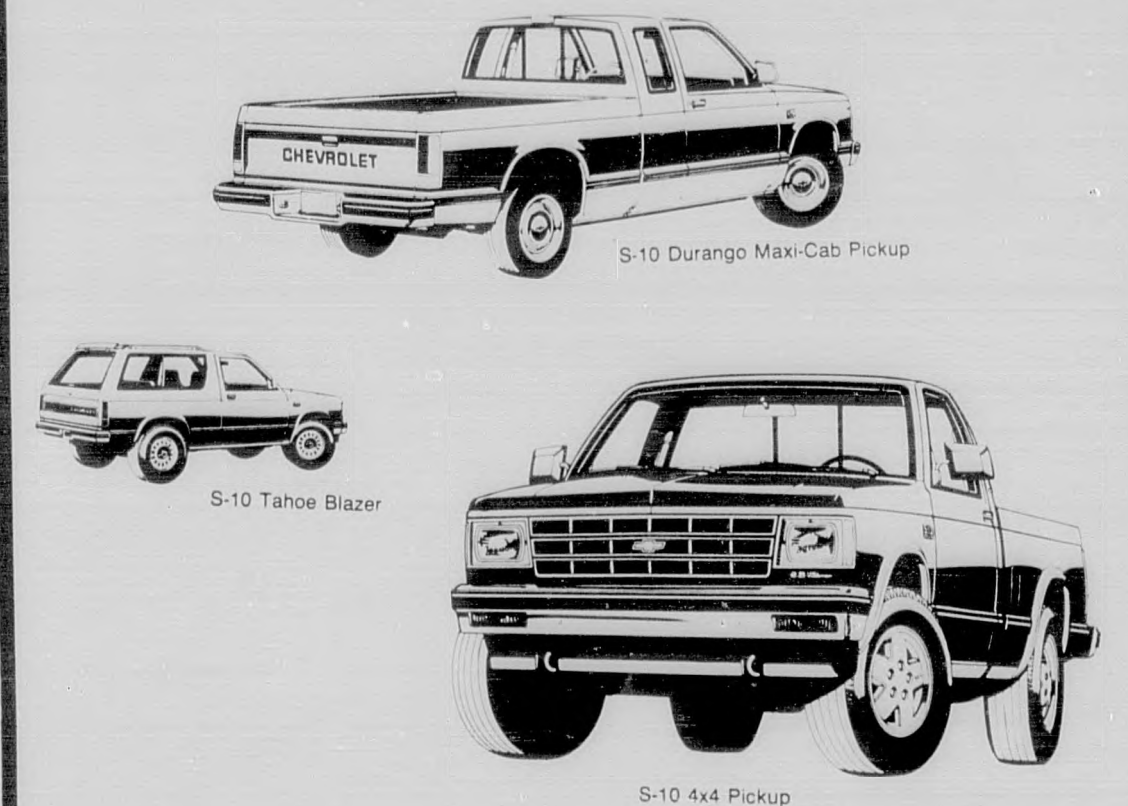
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Local News Of Interest To Our Readers

Former Elba Resident Is Designer

Margaret Pyron, a University of Alabama graduate student, is majoring in costume design, and is currently preparing costumes for the upcoming production of "Amorphous George" on the UA campus.

Margaret said she begins her specific job by reading the script of the production, then talks to the director to get his expectations and to obtain a brief synopsis of each character.

"Everything has to please the director," she said. "You must match a character's temperament with styles, colors and textures of costumes."

The UA theater department usually obtains material for its costumes from an upholstery warehouse. "The fabrics work very well," Margaret said, "especially if the play's time period is between the 1860's and 1890's, as clothing during these time periods was

generally very durable and sometimes heavy."

Assembling costumes for the "Amorphous George" production, however, represents a different challenge since the comedy is set in the 1880's.

"We will have free reign to go out and buy clothes for this show," Margaret said. She also said the theater department rarely uses a costume twice, and they are stored and rented out to churches and schools. After a few years, all costumes are cleared out of storage and the process starts again.

In addition to designing costumes, Margaret also teaches a class in makeup for the stage.

She will enter the "George" costumes in the Alabama College Theater Festival in Montgomery in November; the judges will make the trip to Tuscaloosa to see them.

Margaret is the daughter of Ruth Pyron of Rt. 1, Elba.

Miss Martin Entertained With Luncheon

Miss Melissa Martin, bride-elect of Mr. Jim McCormick, was honored with a luncheon on Saturday, November 2, when Mrs. Paul King, Mrs. Bob English, Mrs. Phillip Scarborough and Mrs. Paul Morrow entertained at Mrs. Morrow's home on Highland Drive.

The door was hung with a white wicker fan and wicker wedding bells tied with mauve ribbons, colors repeated inside with pots of African violets and chrysanthemums.

Tables were set in the living room and family room, each covered with a heavily embroidered white linen cloth and centered with a crystal bowl of mauve and purple bachelorette buttons and maidenhair fern.

Miss Martin, Mr. McCormick Honored With Dinner Party

Miss Melissa Martin and Mr. Jim McCormick were honored with a formal dinner party in the state home of Judge and Mrs. Marion Brunson on Saturday evening, November 2. Luncheon was served with wedding bells and doves in the bride-elect's chosen color of mauve which held a grapevine wreath entwined with doves and ribbon streamers.

Guests were served sparkling cranberry punch from a cut glass punch bowl in the foyer.

After a period of socializing guests were directed to a delicious buffet including baked ham, sweet potato souffle, butterbeans, fresh cranberry salad and rolls, with iced tea. Coffee was served with a peach chiffon pie for dessert.

The honored couple were joined at the dining room table by their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Ed McCormick, as well as Mrs. Lorene Drinkard, grandmother of the prospective groom; Ms. Dell Parker, aunt of the prospective groom; Dr. Jack Carroll and Judge Brunson.

The table was centered with a large arrangement of white chrysanthemums on an heirloom reflecting mirror. Silver candelabra with burning white tapers flanked either side of the arrangement. Additional strategically-placed burning tapers added to the party atmosphere.

Party tables in the spacious family room were centered with diminutive arrangements of

flowers. The late John Franklin Grimes' annual reunion will be held Sunday, November 10, at Becky's Buffet on Troy Road in Elba.

All descendants of this family are encouraged to attend.

This family has its origin in the Curtis Community.

Grimes Reunion To Be Held Sunday

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All descendants of this family are encouraged to attend.

This family has its origin in the Curtis Community.

Card Of Thanks

We wish to thank everyone for the way they have stood by us through my illness, and to understand why I can't have company - because of all the infections going around.

But your prayers, food, calls and cards have meant more than you will ever know. I appreciate everything done, and when I can have company, please come.

SALLY & GLEN VAUGHAN
11-7-85

LINDSEY DANTZ WINDHAM

Dr. and Mrs. Wayne W. Windham of Winter Park, Florida, announce the birth of their daughter, Lindsey Dantz, on Sunday, October 13, at 2:06 p.m., at Winter Park Memorial Hospital.

Lindsey weighed 8 lbs. 7 ozs. and was 20 inches long.

Grandparents are Mrs. Virginia N. Windham and the late David Wilson Windham of Rt. 3, Elba, and Mr. E.S. Newton of Sacramento, Calif., and Mrs. Mary S. Newton of St. Petersburg, Fla.

Mother and baby are reported to be doing fine.

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Nursing Home Spotlight

By Shirley Wise



Mrs. Pamela Nelson

For this first week in November, we're visiting with Mrs. Pamela Nelson, who is a long way from her former home, as she hails from the state of California and the beautiful city of San Francisco - the Bay area, to be more specific.

When talking about the place she moved from, she got a glow on her face and a lilt in her voice as she launched into a lyrical description of the lovely city of San Francisco.

She described the lovely vistas - snow-capped mountains in the distance; sparkling blue bay water; the hilly streets, the Golden Gate Bridge and the trolleys. I had assumed the trolleys were only tourist attractions, but she quickly informed me that natives of the area (commuters) use them for transportation.

That brought out another assumption of mine - that New York has the subway and San Francisco the trolleys, and she corrected me on that, too, by saying that San Francisco also has a subway system, which goes under the Bay. This brought to mind the tunnel in Mobile which is difficult for me to understand!

While on the subject of Mrs. Nelson's home city, I mentioned to her that an Elba resident (Mrs. Drexel Cook) had visited San Francisco and she in her opinion it was one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Mrs. Nelson added, "If not THE most beautiful!"

Mrs. Nelson is not a native of California; she was born in Topeka, Kansas, March 4, 1904, making her a very young-looking 81 years old. She lived in various parts of Kansas while growing up, including Hutchinson, here in Wichita. She definitely does not look her age, and has lovely silver-white hair, clear skin, sparkling eyes and pretty white teeth.

Mrs. Nelson has not yet accepted some of the Southern traditions, including boiled peanuts and barbecue. But she "loves chicken. That is my favorite food." When asked if she liked it Southern-fried, she said she preferred "smothered chicken."

Mrs. Nelson is to be admired for her spirit and courage, her vim, vigor and vitality, her sparkling personality, and her attitude of "taking each day as it comes, day-by-day. Play it as you see it and don't look back."

Mrs. Nelson was married to Richard B. Shortridge, and they had one son, Richard B. Jr., who is called Dick. He is retired from the Army, as Chief Warrant Officer 4, after serving 33 years. He is married to the former Nancy Dowd, and they live in Enterprise, the parents of four offspring: Mrs. Douglas (Susan) Jansen; she and her husband make their home in Sioux City, Iowa, and have two children - Jeffrey and Julie; Scott, who is married and lives in Sacramento, Calif.;

Tim, whose wife is Cynthia, and they reside in San Diego, Calif., and have two children - Melanie and Richard;

Elizabeth Europa, who lives in Enterprise and attends George C. Wallace where she is in the RN program.

Mrs. Nelson was later married to George E. Nelson of Ft. Riley, Manhattan, Kansas, who is now deceased.

In her lifetime Mrs. Nelson has "worn many hats", as we say in the South. In other words she has had three very interesting and diversified occupations: interior decorator, office manager for an oral surgery clinic, and a career in property management. When we remarked she probably ran a "tight ship" at the clinic, she replied, "You bet I did!"

On the subject of the nursing home, she said "I like it here. It's beautifully run, and all of them are good gals."

When asked to consider what she would want if she had one wish, she replied, "to be healthy and well again."

Her favorite colors are the rose tones. One of her many hobbies was growing violets. "I love violets - I grew lavender ones." She enjoys television, but only the quiz and game shows - NO SOAPS for this lady!

She really likes to play cribbage and bridge - readers, anyone looking for a partner in those games? We feel that Mrs. Nelson would be a worthy opponent.

She is a voracious reader, devouring such magazines as Time, Newsweek, and U.S. News and World Report. She is therefore a well-informed lady on national and current events and affairs. She said, "I enjoyed attending school. I took several college courses at night, as I worked during the day and was unable to attend them."

One of the R.N.'s had this to say about Mrs. Nelson: "She's very cooperative, alert, intelligent, up-to-date on current events, she's a very nice person." An aide, over-hearing us, chimed in with, "I really like her, she's a nice lady."

Mrs. Nelson came to the nursing home around the latter part of December, 1984. Her roommate is Mrs. Isabel Bryan.

Hope you readers enjoyed reading about Mrs. Nelson as we did talking with her.

He praveh best who loveth best, and all things both great and small. For the dear God who loveth us, He made and loveth all.

Samuel Taylor Coleridge - 1772-1834

The Rime of the Ancient Mariner

Mother Of the Year Search Is On

The Alabama Mothers Association, an affiliate of the American Mothers, Inc., is seeking nominees for the 1986 Alabama Mother of the Year, search chairman, Lottie W. Lowery, Jasper, has announced.

The 1986 Alabama Mother of the Year will be chosen by the Alabama Mothers at the National Awards Conference and will be a candidate for the American Mother of the Year award.

Any state organization, club, or church group may nominate a woman from within their local community. Nominees will be judged on character, personality traits, public service, church work and success as mothers as evidenced by the character and achievements of their children.

Mothers of either natural or adopted children are eligible for nomination, provided the youngest child is at least 15 years of age, and the mother is 45 or older.

Nomination forms and further information may be obtained from the state chairman in charge of search:

Lottie W. Lowery
705 7th Avenue
Jasper, AL 35501
Phone 384-4468

Husseys To Observe 50th Wedding Anniversary

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Hussey will host a reception to honor the 50th wedding anniversary of their parents.

The celebration will be held Sunday, November 17, from two until four o'clock in the afternoon, at the Zion Chapel Baptist Church.

All friends and relatives are invited, and it is requested that there be no gifts.

Class Of 1955 Enjoys Class Reunion At 1985 Elba Homecoming

Nothing to do! I can't believe anyone could say such a thing this time of year. In fact, last weekend my choices were numerous - would I go to the fair, my 30-year class reunion, a family reunion at Antioch or attend a wedding and take some pictures as I'd promised. Since I find it difficult to make decisions, I chose to attend everything except the wedding. I would have made that, too, but the male of the class reunion was at the very same time, and the bride, whom I had taught, agreed that I shouldn't miss that.

I knew Elba High School would honor the Class of '55 at this year's homecoming, but I didn't know the exact date. When I received a note from Patsy McCollough Powell giving the date and listing additional events, I became very excited and began making plans for the big weekend.

A week or two later, a letter from the high school principal confirmed the Friday activities planned for us old-timers.

Getting my work caught up so I could be off work on Friday was first on my list. Being right smack in the middle of the Peanut Festival brought added responsibilities, but once I covered my assignments, got all the weddings and engagements typed and wrote my weekly *col-um*, I was on my way. Every chance I got, I was also studying names on the class composite.

I was afraid I might not remember all my classmates. Just saying I was excited would be an understatement. When I left work, I ran home, gathered up clothes suitable for the hot, muggy weather and was on my way by noon.

The hour's drive to Elba and Danley's Cross Roads gave me a chance to calm down and unwind. I unpacked, called the school and found out the location of the home economics building, told Mama bye and headed out to the tea at 3 p.m.

Since I was early, I decided to wait in the car. When I spotted Trixie Maddox Farris, my heart was pounding again. By the time she got to my car, I was frantic. I had not opened the door, but I had lost my car keys. We both searched every crack and crevice, and she finally found them under my camera bag. What a relief!

She and I went to the home economics building, and Mary Young let us in. We went to the rest area, spruced up a bit and tried to get composed. In a few minutes, others joined us, and the guessing and reminiscing began. Fellows present were Bill Brazelton, Jerry Brown, Loyd Daniels, Kimmie Dyess, Clifford Farmer, Bobby Folsom, Billy King, Rann King, Gus McCall, Donnie Morrow, Paul Morrow, Roland Powell and Thomas Prescott.

Women present included Merita Bowers Shutt, Sara Calhoun Donaldson, Marilyn Lee Bailey, Patsy Lee, June Maddox Moseley, Carolyn McCollough Smart, Sue Morrow Sellers, Patsy Powell, Clara Ann Spurrin Dyess, Catherine Weeks Hysmith, Peggy Weeks Hamm, Trixie and me.

After 30 years, we considered our principal, Sam J. Casey, a good friend and enjoyed talking with him. I didn't worry about having to write 100 sentences or having to stay in after school. Our English teacher and senior sponsor, Mrs. Ola B. Kendrick, came and seemed to enjoy noting that we'd "made something of ourselves. If you've done well, I'll take the credit. If you haven't, it's all Mr. Casey's fault," she told us.

After the tea, we piled on a flatbed truck lined with folding chairs and rode in the homecoming parade. I believe that was a first for me, and I enjoyed every minute of it. When I saw someone I knew, I made it a point to let them know I saw them. My two grand-nephews, Todd and Keith Grant, didn't recognize the old woman waving at them. Finally, Bea Horstead, a black friend who taught Mama to drive 20 years ago, recognized me. My niece, June Grant, her husband Larry, their daughter Melissa and her parents Richard and Frances Jacobs got a hearty hello and a big wave from me, too.

When the truck got to the end of the route, we unloaded and walked across the street to speak to our former history teacher, Miss Zedie Rowe. She recently celebrated her 95th birthday, but she seemed to enjoy our brief visit with her. Some of us also went by to see the Prescotts, the parents of Betty Jo Prescott Ziglar, one of our deceased classmates.

Our next stop was the school cafeteria. As we waited outside, teachers, Coach and Mrs. Pearino Gaither, and Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Jones joined us. As we stood and chatted, I remembered standing in a similar line in every day during my three years of high school. The new cafeteria was different, but the memories were the same. At supper, we were joined by classmates, Joe Davis, Kenneth Dyess, Charles Goodson, Mack Westbrook and Jimmy Young.

After dinner, Mr. Casey broke the ice as he shares us. It was comforting to learn that he remembered the good things and forgot the multi-tude of things we did that drove him to have us write hundreds of sentences. Coach Gaither reflected on the 1954-55 football team that outscored opponents 338 to 44 and beat Dothan in the fifth annual Peanut Bowl 33-0. Our Thomas Manning, Joe Donaldson and Wayne McDonald came to the barbecue supper, and we took another group picture. During the series of events, 39 of the 66 classmates came at one time or another.

President Jerry Brown presented data collected by Patsy Powell from the 48 returned questionnaires. Twenty persons graduated from college. Those who responded had 93 children and 22 grandchildren.

Thirty live within a 30-mile radius of Elba, and eight or 10 live within 120 miles.

Another interesting note was that two-thirds of our class came from surrounding communities - Zion Chapel, Basin, Damascus, Fairview, New Hope, Victoria, Bluff Springs and Curtis. Referring to himself and the rest of us country folks as "rednecks," Jerry mentioned our fear of insecurity and non-acceptance. Our adjustment seemed to be just what itself out to the point that it seemed we'd been together all along. We blended and formed a class that would run, play, study and fight together to reach our goals.

The state championship football team that didn't allow a score till the seventh game will forever be the highlight of our year. Tom Prescott passed a game ball on to teammate, Bobby Folsom. "Keep it until our next reunion," Tom said.

In closing, Jerry summed up the feelings of those of us who shared this weekend reunion when he listed things he is most proud of. He said, "I thank God first for my wife Jo. I thank God that I'm an American and that I'm an Alabamian. I thank God that I was allowed to be a member of the great, grand and glorious Class of '55'!"

We finally got down to being ourselves, and it didn't matter if we came from the country or the city. That was nice, and I enjoyed every moment of the weekend. I guess I was still excited when it was all over - I walked out and fell in slow motion on my right knee and arm. Was that excitement or could that be a sign of old age?

By the time I went to the family reunion Sunday and got home at 5 p.m., I was sure it was the latter. All of a sudden, I felt like it had been 30 years since I graduated. So I took a hot bath, went to bed at 6:30 p.m., and rested so I could make it through another day.



At the final gathering of their 30-year reunion, the Class of 1955 posed for a group picture. They are, front row, from left, Virginia Jacobs Shambarger, Catherine Weeks Hysmith, Patsy McCollough Powell, Patsy Lee, June Maddox Moseley. Second row: Dolley Jacobs Moore, Shirley Taylor Nelson, Patsy Cain Hatcher, Jerry Brown, Omega Farris, Sara Calhoun Donaldson, Trixie

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Tiger Pause

MARTY HARRELSON
EditorJUL MADDIX AND ROB HUDSON
Assistant Editors

Marching Tigers Receive Superior Ratings

The Marching Tiger Band received superior ratings for its performance at the Southland Band Classic held recently in Enterprise. The band was judged by a panel of five judges.

"I am very pleased and proud of these young people - they have worked very hard," said band director Danny Davis. "Their spirit and pride speak very highly, not only of themselves, but also of their families and the town of Elba."

Also receiving best in Class AA were the majorettes - Debbie Blair, Darnett Bogan, Lucinda Byrd, Kim Kelley and Tawana Nelson; and drum major - Shellye Amison. Pictured is Lesley Ham, band president; Susan Farmer - color guard captain; Shellye Amison - drum major; Kim Kelley - head majorette; and Tim Tice - percussion section leader.



Seniors Of The Week

MARTY HARRELSON - Marty is the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Harrelson and has always attended Elba City Schools. He is a member of Mu Alpha Theta, French Club, reporter of Beta Club, chairman of FFA, 1985 Tiger Pause editor. Who's Who Among American High School Students, National Honor Society and the 1985 Alabama Assembly of God All-State Choir.

He attends the Elba First Church of God where he serves in the church choir and is soloist. His favorite class is Housing and Development and favorite teacher is Mrs. Mary Young. His hobbies include singing, being with friends, and listening to Depeche Mode.

Marty's most memorable time at EHS was preparing for the junior-senior prom.

After graduation he plans to attend Auburn University and major in Architecture, with minor in Building Science.

SONYA WILLIAMSON - Sonya is the daughter of Elkin and Shirley Williamson and is 17 years old. She is a member of the FBLA, Marching and Symphonic bands, and serves as reporter of the FFA.

Her favorite subject is Literature and favorite teacher is Mrs. Judith Tucker. Some of her hobbies include reading and being with friends.

Her most memorable times at EHS include going on trips with the band and attending the junior-senior prom.

Upon graduation Sonya plans to attend ESJC and later transfer to Troy State University.

KAREN MORROW - Karen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Morrow and has always attended Elba City Schools. She is a member of the Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Student Council, Band Council, and president of FBLA. She is a member of the United Methodist Church where she is involved in the church choir and serves on the UMYF Council.

Her favorite class is English



Guess Who?

This week's mystery person is a senior at EHS. He is a member of the Beta Club, FFA, and is president of the senior class.

His favorite song is "Around the World In A Day" by Prince.

Can you guess who?

(Last week's mystery couple was Martha and Tommy Holt.)

The Power Of Prayer

Based on Colossians 4:2-4

The most difficult activity of the Christian life is prayer. It sounds so simple - just talking to God. Yet, because it takes place on the battlefield of spiritual warfare, it is never easy.

Paul urges the Colossians to persevere in prayer. He may have been thinking of the sleepy disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration (Luke 9:32), or in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:40). In any case he echoes the words of Jesus, "Watch and pray" (Matthew 26:41).

"Continue in prayer, and watch

Adult Basic Education Is offered To High School Drop-Outs

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The GED test is a comprehensive objective examination, measuring competence in four areas of educational development: writing, Social Studies, Science, Reading and Mathematics.

Participants must pay a \$20 fee which is payable in advance. If you fail one or more of the five parts, a retest fee of \$4 must be paid per part failed.

Short courses designed to prepare you for the GED test are offered by ESJC on Monday and Tuesday nights at Elba High School. No fee is charged for these courses, and anyone may enroll at any time.

For more information or a copy of course schedules call Mrs. Mary Young, 897-2266.



Air Force Reserve Recruiter Speaks At EHS

Air Force Reserve recruiter Ford recently spoke to some students at Elba High School.

Her interesting information included available college opportunities and related job areas sponsored by the Air Force Reserve.

School Menu

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NOVEMBER 12 - 15

TUESDAY
Breakfast - Cereal, Juice, Milk
Lunch - Chicken Fingers, Rice with Gravy, Peas and Carrots, Jello with Fruit, Rolls, Milk

WEDNESDAY
Breakfast - Eggs, Toast, Grits, Milk
Lunch - Fish Burger, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Cake with Orange Frosting, Milk

THURSDAY
Breakfast - Honey Bun, Juice, Milk
Lunch - Ham and Cheese Sandwich, Lettuce, Green Beans, Ice Cream, Cookie, Milk

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Breakfast - Pancakes with Syrup, Bacon, Milk
Lunch - Hamburger on Bun, French Fries, Catsup, Lettuce, Tomato - Dill - Onion, Cobbler Pie, Milk



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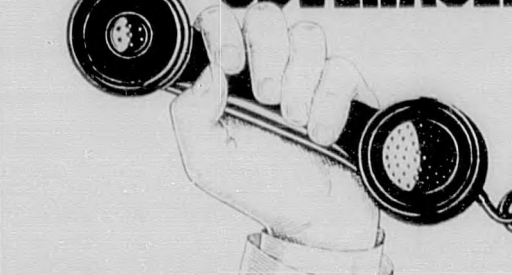
KIM BERRY - Kim is the 16-year-old son of Harold and Lynda Berry and is a junior at EHS. He plays defensive back for the Tigers and is a member of the Mu Alpha Theta, Beta Club, E Club and the First Baptist Church.

KEVIN BURKE - Kevin is in the 11th grade and his parents are Bill and Mary Burke. He plays the position of defensive back and is a member of the E Club and Whitewater Baptist Church.

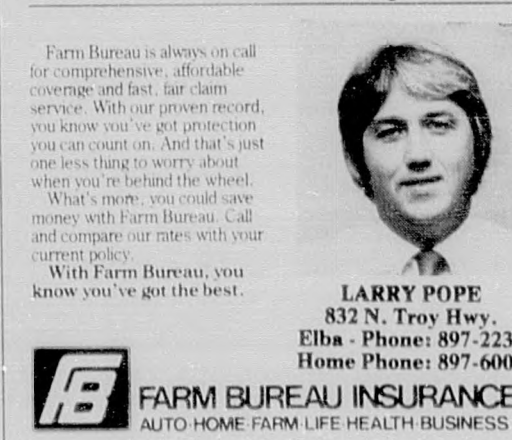
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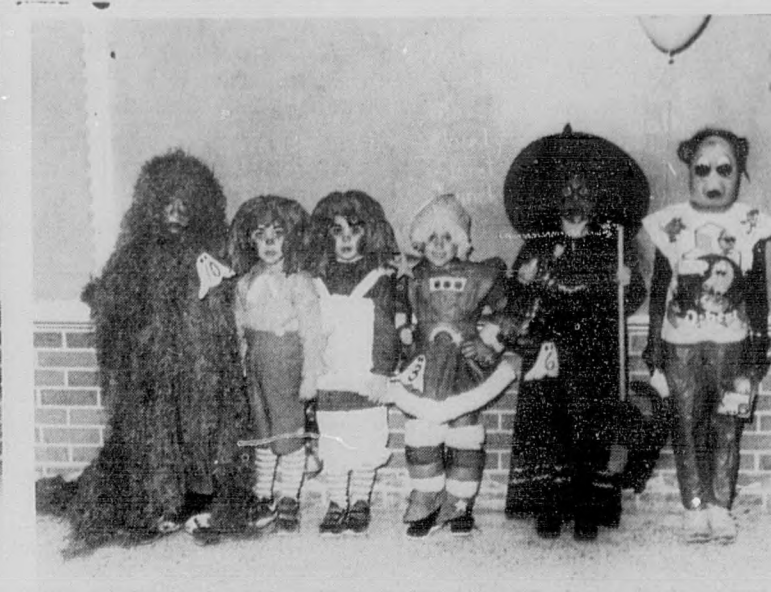
Elba Halloween Carnival Selects Costume Contest Winners



COSTUME WINNERS - Tot Division - included (L-R) Bryan Ellis, Kerri Kelley

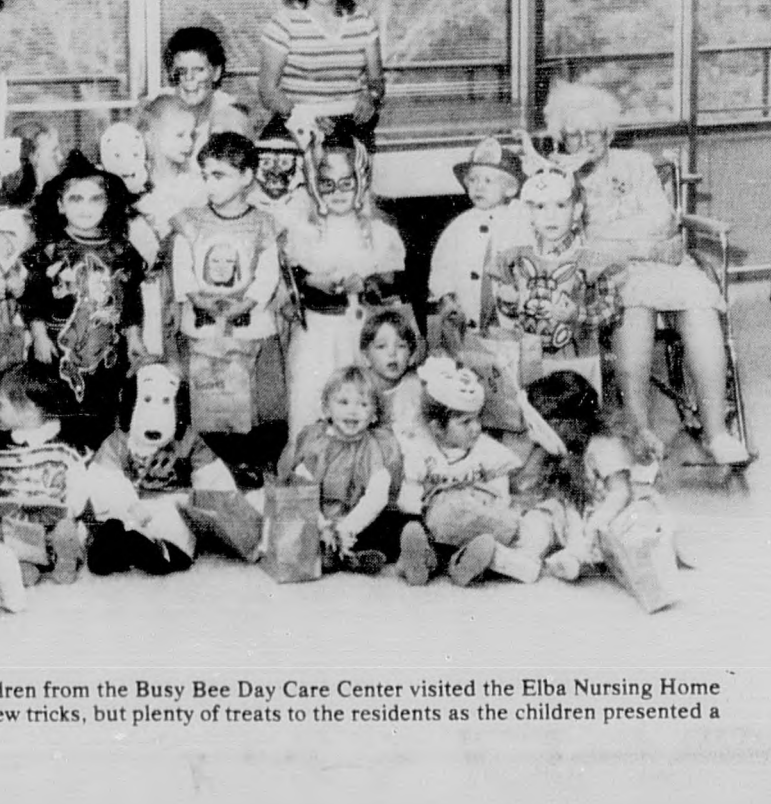
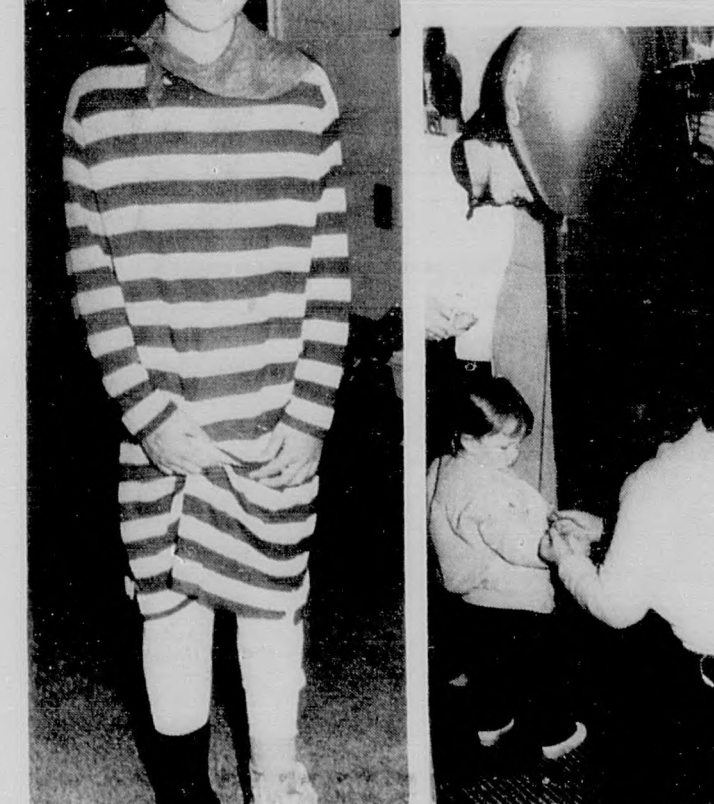


COSTUME WINNERS - Middle School - included (L-R) Tiffany Tew, Greg Adkins and Chad Smith.

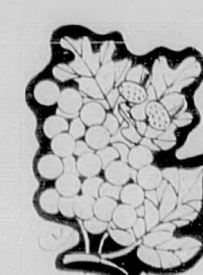


COSTUME WINNERS - Elementary School - included (L-R) Mathew Farris, Heather and Rickey Gryson, Brandee Mann, Anna Head and Amy Coon.

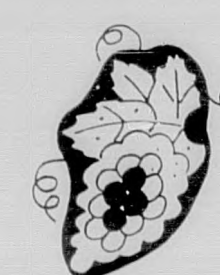
It Was Fun For All Ages At The New Brockton Halloween Carnival



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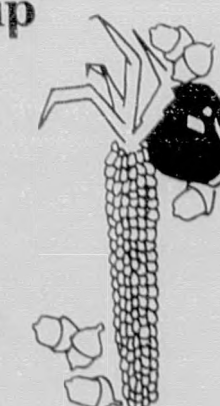
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Playoff Tickets Now On Sale At Elba High School

Tickets for Friday night's Elba-Abbeville playoff game will be on sale at Elba High School Thursday and Friday between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the principal's office. Advance tickets are \$4 adults and \$2.50 students, with all tickets at the game being \$4.

Views From

The Pressbox

By, Ricky Mularz, Editor

I'm not real fond of cold weather, but after a solid week of rain I wouldn't complain if it snowed!

Tigers Heading Back To Playoffs

The Elba Tigers defeated Daleville last week and in doing so earned a spot in the playoffs for the third straight year, and the fourth time in five years - which is quite a feat. Elba didn't make it to the playoffs for a long time, but once it got in 'em decided the playoffs were the place to be and has made a habit of going. I hope the Tigers never break!

Back to Daleville. Elba wasn't real sharp, but still played well enough to post a big win. The offense didn't seem to be running on all cylinders; however, it did roll up over 350 yards, and only mistakes kept it from putting a bunch more points on the board. The "spotlight" Friday night had to be on Richard McKinnon, who gained 132 yards to push his season total to 1,127 yards in 9 games. Richard switched back and forth between fullback and tailback early in the season, but went to tailback 3 weeks ago, and since has gained 407 yards and scored 6 touchdowns. Looks like Richard has found a home!

The defense gave up some yardage around the ends, but got tough when it had to and once again showed a lot of desire. The defense, which "snaps back" when it has to, passed some good looks and continued to surprise folks with its hustle and desire to keep folks off the board.

The win gave Elba a 7-2 regular season record, and the team deserves a lot of credit for its play. I think this year's team achieved as much - and has played as well - as any in history. C'mon guys - keep it going!

A Good Year For County Teams

This season will be long remembered by the county football fans because two teams made the playoffs and all three teams had good years. Here's a quick look back.

***New Brockton defeated Zion Chapel 20-6 and will carry a 9-1 record into the playoffs. The Gamecocks don't have a rich football history, but under Coach Boutwell the last several chapters have been success stories. I have heard some people say the wins were due to an easy schedule; however, that's "stupid!" The wins were achieved through hard work and dedication by everyone involved, and I'll say it again - Coach Leavy Boutwell is one of the top coaches in the state and his record of success proves it!

***Zion Chapel slipped to 5-5 with the loss, but has begun rebuilding its program and has rekindled its "winning spirit." The Rebels aren't given much of a chance against Cottonwood Friday night, but I think the Rebs will give it all they've got and represent the county well.

***Kinston dropped its final game to Brantley 33-15 to finish the season at 5-5, which is a good record when you look at the Bulldogs' schedule. I think football is headed in the right direction and urge the entire community to give its support.

Who To Watch In The Playoffs

The expanded playoff system gives a lot of teams chances to win state crowns, but there are always favorites and these are my pre-playoff picks as the teams to watch in each class in south Alabama:

CLASS 1A - Brantley (9-1), Dozier (9-1) and Sweet Water (8-2), with Frisco City (8-2) a darkhorse.

CLASS 2A - Reelfoot (10-0), Cottonwood (9-1) and Autaugaville (10-0), with New Brockton (9-1) a darkhorse.

CLASS 3A - Geneva (8-2), Oneonta (9-1) and St. Pauls (7-3), with Southern Choctaw (8-2) a dark horse.

CLASS 4A - Alba (10-0), Pike County (9-1) and Fayette County (9-1), with Elba (7-2) a darkhorse.

CLASS 5A - Greenville (10-0), Valley (7-3) and Bibb County (10-0), with Atmore (8-2) a darkhorse.

CLASS 6A - Jeff Davis (6-3), Opelika (10-0) and Central, P.C. (9-1), with Lee (7-3) a darkhorse.

Heading Toward The Record Books

At the back of the Troy State media guide is a section that contains records, and in it are such names as Sam Byrd, Virgil Seay, Perry Griggs and Ronnie Shelley. Well, next week the name of "Ted Horstead" should make the list as Troy State's "all-time" leading rusher! Ted is only a junior, so he will set a new record every time he carries the ball. Congratulations Ted on a great career!

Coaching Changes Off To Quick Start

The season ended Friday night for a lot of schools and the annual game of "musical chairs" got off to a quick start when UMS coach Mac Champion announced his resignation. UMS posted a disappointing 3-7 record this season and Coach Champion's decision had to have a little to do with the record.

Polish Prognosticator's Playoff Picks

I closed out the season last week by hitting on 27 of 31 picks and now head into the playoffs sailing high. I just hope my luck holds out.

ELBA VS. ABBEVILLE

The Tigers are on a roll after 3 straight wins and will be facing yet another wishbone attack. Abbeville will be fired up and ready, but I look for Elba to get the long end of the "bone!"

Elba 21 - Abbeville 13

NEW BROCKTON VS. GOSHEN

If the Gamecocks take this game lightly, Goshen could pull off a shocker. It's going to be tough and I'm picking Brockton to pull out a squeaker!

New Brockton 17 - Goshen 15

ZION CHAPEL VS. COTTONWOOD

The Rebels will have to be at their best or this one could be a massacre. I think the Rebels will give it a good shot, but not be able to pull it off.

Cottonwood 28 - Zion Chapel 12

OTHER PICKS:

Sweet Water 27 - Repton 14

Dozier 32 - Lylefield 18

Brantley 34 - Conecuh Co. 6

Marengo 16 - Flomaton 14

Geneva 21 - Lurven 0

Geneva Co. 18 - Holtville 13

T.R. Miller 14 - Thomasville 7

Pike County 42 - Dale Co. 0

Monroe Co. 17 - Jackson 14

Escambia Co. 29 - Citronelle 6

Greenville 20 - Taula 3

Valley 14 - Troy 10

Central 10 - Dothan 7

Opelika 28 - Northview 6

Lee 28 - Carver 0

Jeff Davis 21 - Lanier 0

Levy 14 - Georgiana 6

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Brantley Scores Early & Holds On To Win Over Kinston 33-15

STORY BY GREG BRUNSON
PICTURES BY
BILLY WAYNE WILLIAMSON

It was a battle of the Bulldogs this past Friday night in Kinston as the Kinston Bulldogs squared off against the Brantley Bulldogs in a key area matchup. Brantley used a high-powered ground attack to build a 33-0 lead and then held on for an exciting 33-15 victory.

Brantley took the ball on their

first possession of the evening at their own 31-yard line and quickly moved downfield behind the rushing of Keith Dorsey and Barry Kendrick. Bernard Foster got the first touchdown of the game with a five-yard keeper on an option play around left end. Chad Keith broke through to tackle the Brantley holder on the extra point attempt, to leave the score at 6-0 with 3:52 remaining in the first quarter.

Kinston ran three plays for a total

of four yards and was forced to punt on their next possession. A 44-yard punt by Hugh Helms gave Brantley the ball at their own 19-yard line. On the first snap from scrimmage, Keith Dorsey took the handoff and went off right tackle. Dorsey broke a tackle and cut to the sideline, racing 81 yards for a touchdown. Dorsey added the extra point to stretch the Brantley lead to 13-0 with 1:56 to go in the first quarter.

The next Kinston possession

netted a first down on a faked punt as Hugh Helms carried for 6 yards on a fourth-and-two situation. This drive stalled and Brantley took over on downs at the Kinston 46-yard line. Bernard Foster passed to Brad Kimbro on first down with this play going to the Kinston 4-yard line.

Keith Dorsey then got his second touchdown of the game as he blasted in from 4 yards out. Dorsey's p.a.t. attempt sailed wide to the right, leaving the score Brantley 19 - Kinston 0, with 10:09 left in the second quarter.

The next Brantley possession supplied excellent field position for Kinston. The Kinston defense held Brantley to force their first punt of the game. A bad snap sailed over the head of the punter who finally recovered the ball for a 26-yard loss, giving Kinston a first down at the Brantley 14-yard line. Three plays netted only 4 yards, and on fourth down Mike Burnett intercepted a Paul Folmar pass at the five-yard line to end this threat.

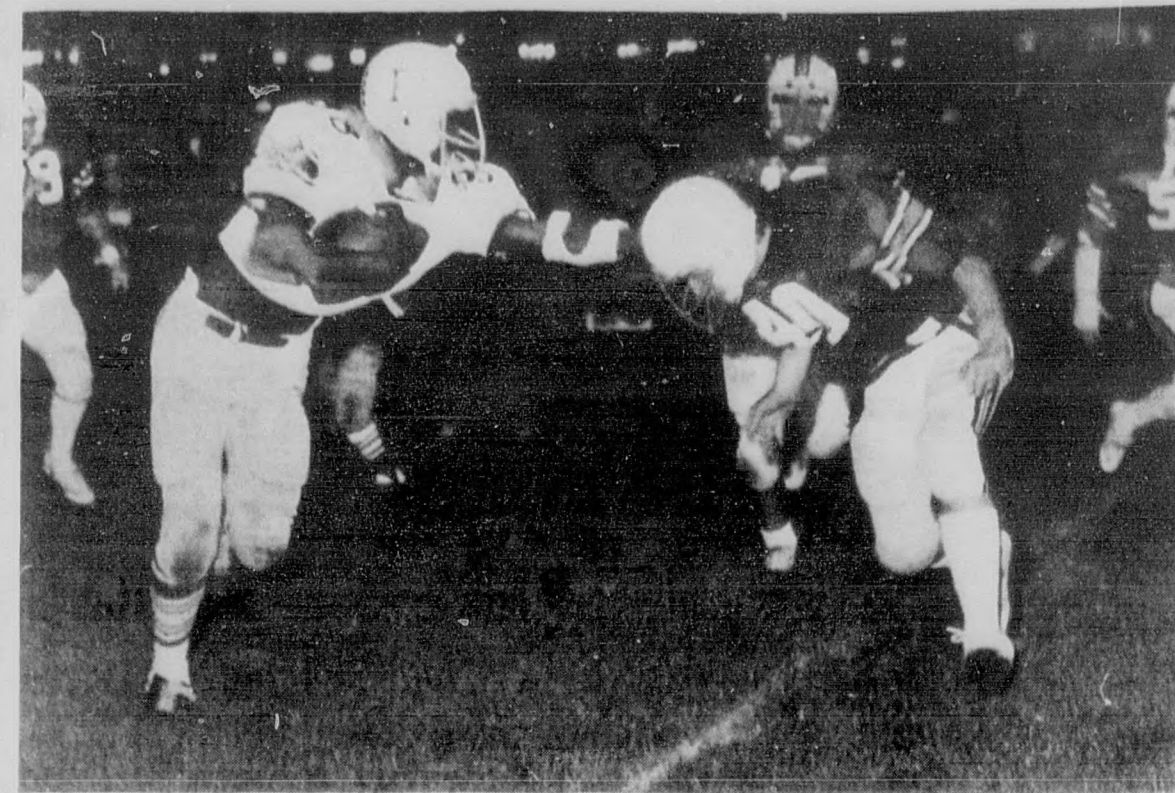
Brantley moved to three first downs before three straight incomplete passes forced a punt. This gave Kinston the ball at their own 24-yard line with the first half clock running out. On second down, Brad Kimbro intercepted a Glen Barnes pass and returned it to the 21-yard line.

Foster passed for 12 yards to Burnett and then Barry Kendrick carried the last 9 yards on an option play around left end. Dorsey added the extra point to stretch the Brantley lead to 26-0 with only 0:17 to go until the half.

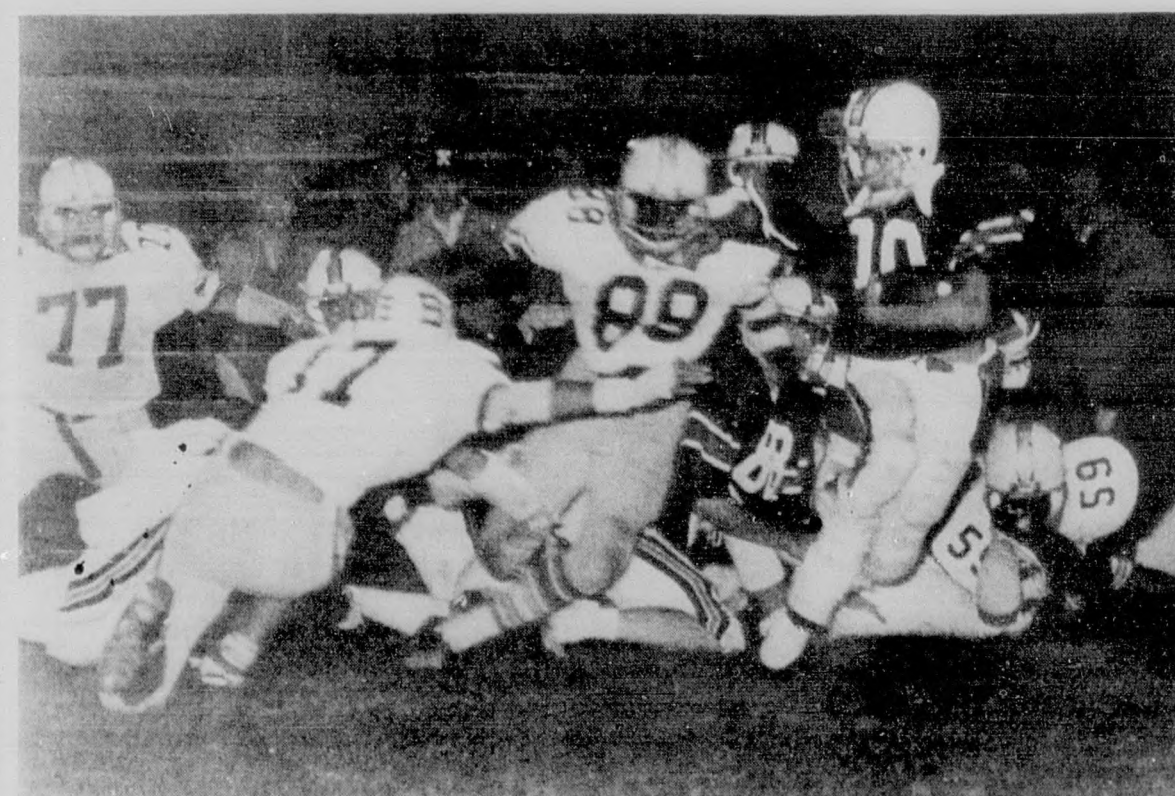
As the second half opened, Brantley put together a 12-play drive before being stopped on downs at the Kinston 15-yard line. Kinston was again unable to move the ball, and a 23-yard punt gave Brantley the ball at the Kinston 43-yard line. Ten plays later, Larry Adams cracked in from one yard out for yet another Brantley score. Dorsey added the conversion, making the Brantley lead 33-0 with 11:27 remaining in the ball game.

Kinston took the ensuing kickoff and quickly marched into Brantley territory on runs of 21 and 9 yards by Paul Folmar. This drive stalled and Brantley took over on their own 32-yard line.

A 31-yard punt by Brantley gave Kinston the ball at their own 34-yard line. On first down, Glen Barnes passed to a wide open Toby Reeves for 32 yards. Folmar ran for 4 to the 30 then Barnes hit Folmar on a swing pass with Paul Folmar making a beautiful run to cover the 30 yards for a Kinston touchdown. Toby



Brantley receiver Mike Burnett (88) stiff-arms Kinston defender Toby Reeves (40) as he tries to go outside for a big gain in the Bulldogs' 33-15 win.



Kinston running back Paul Folmar (10) cuts outside Brantley defender Giles Bryan (17) and heads for the sideline as Mike Burnett (88) pursues.

Reeves booted the extra point, making the score 33-7 with 6:36 left in the game.

Brantley was again held to three plays and a punt, with this exchange giving Kinston the ball at their own 24-yard line. Kinston drove the ball for 9 plays with Paul Folmar picking up 67 yards on 6 carries during this drive. The touchdown came on a 1-yard run by Paul Folmar with 1:11 left in the fourth quarter. Barnes passed to Folmar for the two-point conversion to close out the scoring with Brantley leading 33-15.

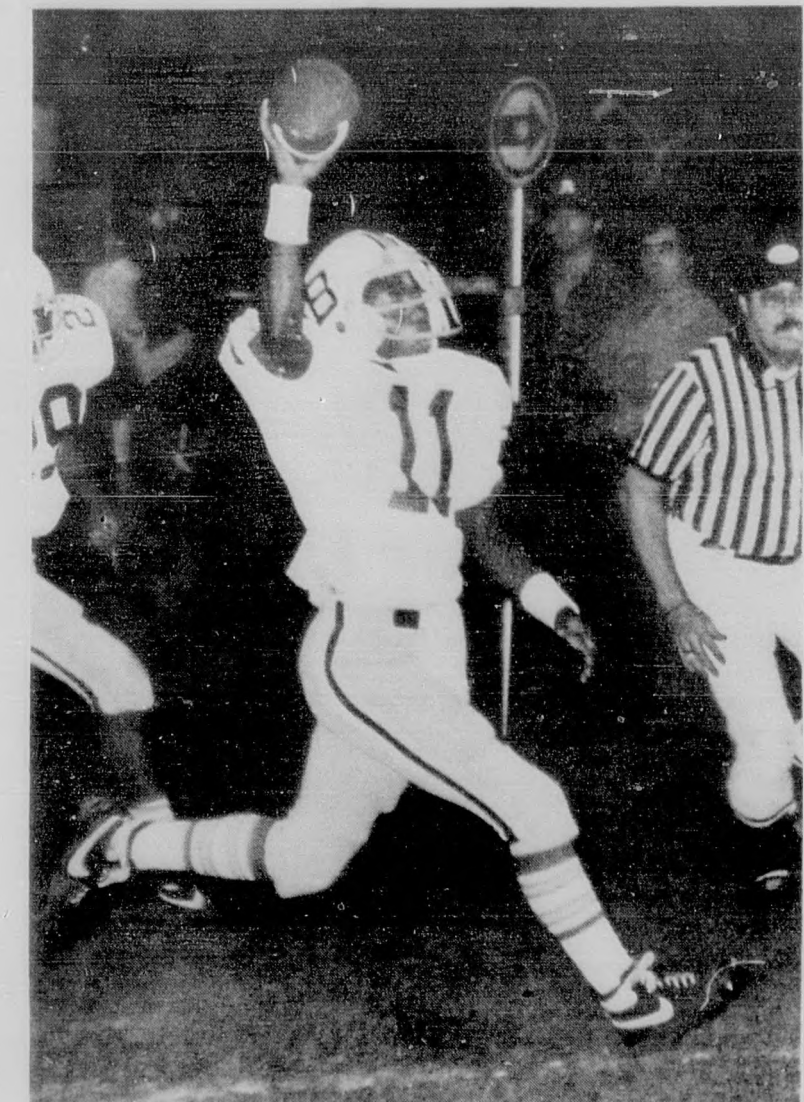
The Brantley Bulldogs' ground attack was led by Keith Dorsey who picked up 134 yards on only 10 carries. Barry Kendrick pitched in with 72 yards on 6 carries, while Larry Adams added 42 yards on 13 totes.

Paul Folmar led the Kinston Bulldogs with 130 yards on 24 tries and Toby Reeves gained 23 yards on 3 attempts.

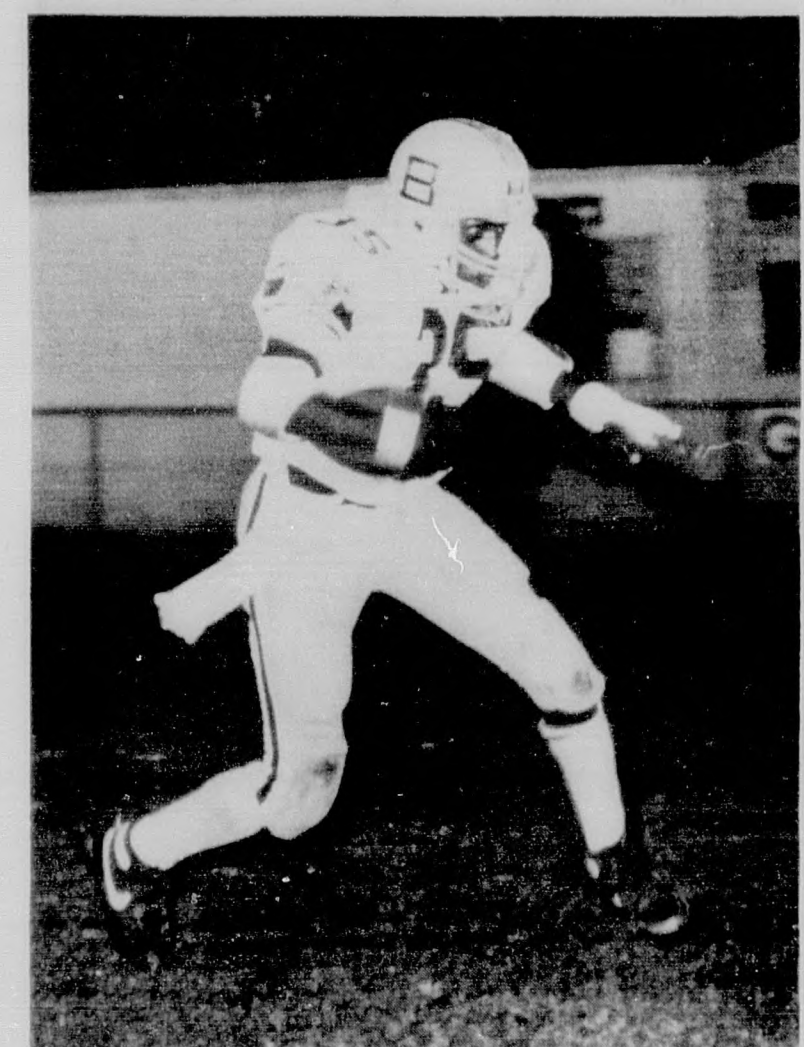
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Kinston tailback Paul Folmar (10) is knocked back after being hit by a Brantley defender. Folmar gained 130 yards in the season finale.



TOUCHDOWN! Brantley quarterback Bernard Foster (11) raises the ball in jubilation as he scores a touchdown to get the Bulldogs started in their win over Kinston.



Brantley halfback Keith Dorsey (35) heads upfield for a big gain. Dorsey, a senior, gained 134 yards in only 10 carries to lead the Bulldogs to the 33-15 win over Kinston.

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New Brockton Claims County Crown With Hardfought 20-6 Win Over Zion Chapel

BY BRANT LOCKIER
Pictures by Brant Lockier and
Danny Belcher

Steffon Knox rushed for 284 yards and the New Brockton defense stopped Zion Chapel 3 times inside their 13-yard line as the Gamecocks out-fought the Rebels 20-6 last Friday night in New Brockton.

The two Coffee County rivals fought long and hard as both teams enter the Class 2A state playoffs this week. New Brockton will take its 9-1 record to Goshen this Friday night, while Zion Chapel will take a 5-5 mark down to Cottonwood.

The visiting Rebels let their hosts know early that this was not going to be an easy game as they stifled the Brockton offense on the opening series of the game. The Rebels forced a Gamecock punt and then took possession at their own 37-yard line.

Back Richie Rugg took a pitch left on the very first play and twisted and turned his way 63 yards down the sidelines for a stunning touchdown. The extra point run failed, leaving Zion Chapel with an early 6-0 lead, with 9:54 left in the opening quarter.

The Gamecocks moved their next possession to midfield as Knox picked up all 20 yards of that short drive. Curt Smith kicked a 36-yard punt to pin the Rebels at their own 24-yard line.

On 4th down New Brockton got the first big break of the game as the Rebel center hiked the ball over punter David Johnson's head on an attempted punt. Mike McWaters finally tackled Johnson at the 19-yard line and the Gamecocks had it first-and-ten.

Knox carried 4 of 5 plays and punched it over from 3 yards out to tie the game. Keith Patterson drilled the extra point through and the Gamecocks led 7-6 with 2:02 remaining in the opening quarter.

Back came the Rebels as they marched deep into Gamecock territory. Chris Carney, Darren Grant and Bobby Hill ran the ball effectively and quarterback Sean Collins threw a 6-yard pass as the Rebels moved inside the Gamecock 20. The Gamecock defense bowed its neck and on a 4th-and-4 at the 11, Rugg was knocked by David Smith on the 14, and the Gamecocks still led the Rebels 7-6 with 9:09 left in the half.

Late in the half New Brockton put together a small threat as they hurriedly moved from their own 3 to the Rebel 24 before missing a 42-yard field goal as time ran out in the half. Knox had 54 yards rushing on this drive.

Zion Chapel enjoyed a slight edge at halftime as they outgained the Gamecocks 154 to 145 despite being on the wrong end of the 7-6 score. A fumbled snap from center on a punt and a goal-line stand from the stubborn Gamecock defense had kept the Rebels from being in a much



New Brockton runner Steffon Knox (25) cuts inside the blocks of Kenneth Deetion (42) and Scott Maddox (68) enroute to a long run.

better position.

The second-half featured the 2 teams moving the football up and down the field on long time-consuming drives. Each team only had the ball 3 times with New Brockton scoring on 2 long drives while Zion Chapel was stopped inside the Cock 10 twice.

The Rebels were unable to move on their initial possession of the half and punted to the Gamecock 37. The strong New Brockton picked up the momentum from where they left off in the first half as they began to open big holes for Knox and Kenneth Deetion.

Knox exploded for his second touchdown with 5:55 remaining in the third quarter on a 49-yard run, capping the 7-play, 63-yard drive. Patterson's kick was true and New Brockton led 14-6.

The determined Rebels ran a trick lateral on the ensuing kickoff that was nearly fatal but ended up giving them excellent field position at their own 48.

Slowly but surely they ground their way toward the Gamecock goal line. Both teams could feel the game riding on this drive that chewed up 7 minutes of the clock. Twice in the drive the Rebels succeeded on 4th-and-one situations to pick up crucial first downs and 15 plays into the march the Rebels were 4th-and-one for the third time at the Gamecock 9. This time the Gamecocks held as Carney found no

room in the middle of the Brockton defensive wall.

Sensing the win now, New Brockton put together a 12-play 93-yard drive that culminated in a 5-yard touchdown run by Knox. The extra point failed, but with 6:25 left the Gamecocks held the upper hand at 20-6.

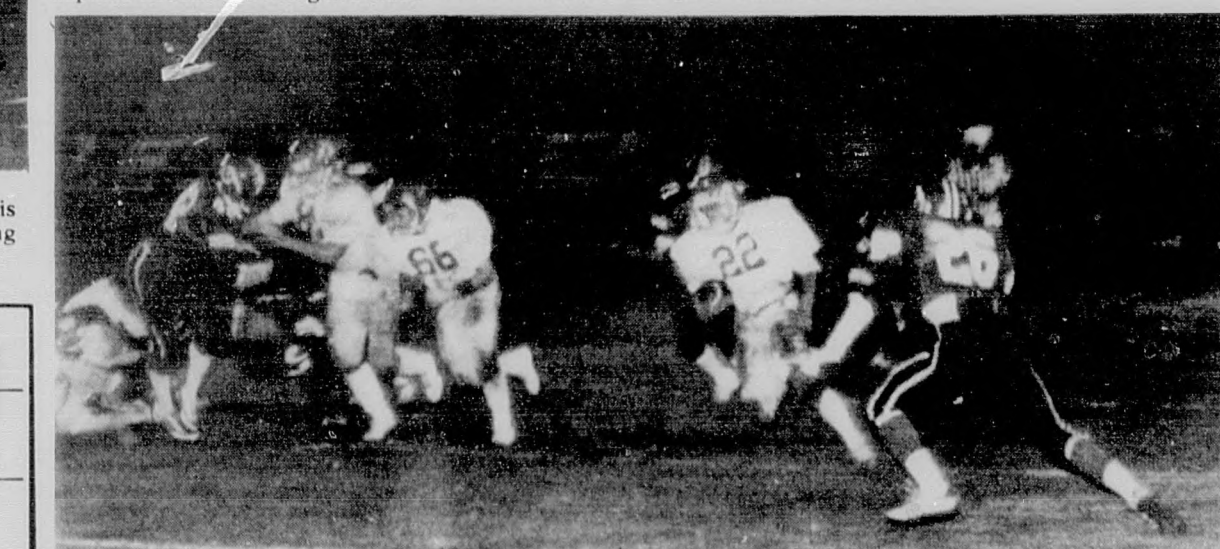
Still the Rebels fought back as they drove 74 yards in 9 plays to New Brockton's 9, where they fumbled and Dennis Griffin fell on the ball for the Gamecocks. A Collins-to-Bryan Amington-to-Richie Rugg flea flicker pass for 34 yards on a 4th-and-5 highlighted the drive.

New Brockton ran out the clock to preserve the 20-6 win over the visiting Rebels.

Individual Statistics

Knox led all ball carriers with 284 yards on 25 carries and 3 touchdowns boosting his totals to 1590 yards on 180 carries and 17 touchdowns. Deetion added 85 yards on 11 rushes. As a team it was New Brockton's best rushing game of the year as they rolled up 378 yards on the ground.

Hill paced the Rebels with 102 yards on 24 rushes. Rugg added 66 yards and Carney came up with 46 yards.



Rebel halfback Bobby Hill (22) cuts inside as Gamecock defender Myron Williams (26) closes in. Blocking are Rebel linemen Scotty Chancellor (88) and David Johnson (66).



NOT THIS TIME! A Gamecock runner is stopped cold by a gang of Zion Chapel tacklers in last week's small school county championship clash.

The Rebels ran 58 plays to the Gamecocks' 50 plays, and enjoyed a 7-minute edge in time of possession in the game, but they were unable to get it when it counted as the Gamecocks responded to the challenge.

Both teams will represent Coffee County well in this week's 2A playoffs.

STATISTICS	ZC
First Downs	13
Rushing Yds.	45-164
Passing Yds.	63
Total Yds.	257
Completes	4-9-0
Penalties	4-30
Punts	2-40-0
Fum/Lost	1

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Elba City Council Considers Expanding City Limits

The Elba City Council reviewed plans to extend the Elba city limits, proclaimed Farm-City Week, paid the bills and accepted the challenge on a potential \$300,000 lawsuit Monday evening during the regularly scheduled council meeting.

City Attorney Mark Vaughan told the council members of his conversation with the lawyer for Elba Hydro Inc., in which they were demanding \$300,000 for their investment at the Pea River power plant site, or 12 additional months to get the project into production. The

city had verbally agreed to award the contract to another firm when concerns grew that Elba Hydro couldn't fulfill their contract by the November 1985 deadline.

Vaughan read to the group from the existing contract that requires the firm to be in full production by November 28 of this year, or the contract is null and void. Vaughan said this was very clear to him, but the attorney for Elba Hydro disagreed. Also, Vaughan referred to a letter from the president of Elba Hydro, Whit Brantley, authorizing

the city to reopen the negotiations on the lease.

"I would rather defend our position on this signed contract than a possible claim from the firm already approved for the new lease," Vaughan said in response to questions from council members. Members of the council expressed concern that if they did give Elba Hydro an additional year, then they would be open for a suit from the firm already given verbal approval to enter into a lease at the official ending of the existing lease.

Elba Hydro principals contend the conduct of the meeting on the night Barrett and Company was approved as new leaseholder was in violation of the Alabama bid law. City officials argue they have the right to negotiate for a higher return to the city taxpayers on anything they are selling.

Council members agreed to turn down the request for a 12-month extension, and Mayor English said: "I am upset over this and am strongly considering filing a countersuit for expenses of hiring my lawyer, and also for the mental anguish I am already suffering."

The proposal to extend the Elba city limits was discussed by the council and a report on the matter by council member Jack Prescott on the basis of this discussion. Prescott reported there were 305 homes in the proposed area and would include about 969 people. He told council members how many houses were involved on each road involved in the proposal. He noted that it may necessitate an additional police car, three police officers and additional garbage truck and trash truck. This was going to be checked on before the next meeting, as well as the relationship with the Elba school district.

Mayor English was authorized to sign a resolution declaring Farm-City Week, and Police Chief John White said he would have some new police officers to present to the council for official hiring by the next meeting.

Bills totaling \$18,076.86 were approved for payment. They included \$5525 for gasoline, \$2408 for insurance, \$1027 for engine repairs in a garbage truck and \$910 repairs on another truck. Sewer pipe



Elba city attorney Mark Vaughan was present at Monday's city council meeting to discuss a suit filed against the city concerning the leasing of the dam.

cost \$695 and \$2120 was expended on the sidewalk project.

The fire station completion is promised in three weeks, according to English and the parking lot paving at the ball park is progressing but

not completed. He reminded council members that soon space will be needed for a landfill, as the existing one is filling up except for the highway frontage that needs to be saved for industry.

County Commission Delays Action On Liability Insurance

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, November 11, at the courthouse in Enterprise, and was told that the insurance company now providing the county with liability insurance would not longer write the policy, which will result in less coverage and a possible increase in legal expenses.

A local insurance agent that represents the company that previously provided liability insurance told the commission that he had paid \$37,000 a year in premiums for a \$1 million policy, while the only policy now available was for \$300,000 with a \$25,000 deductible, at an annual cost of \$25,000.

The commissioners agreed that liability insurance was a headache for municipalities across the nation and didn't consider the cutback in coverage a major concern, but did express a fear of the large deductible listed in the new policy. Under the previous plan the county didn't have to pay attorneys' fees; however, under the new policy, the county would have to pay all such fees up to \$25,000 per case.

The commission discussed the new policy and its contents at length, but took no action and told the insurance agent present at the meeting that it would make a decision at its next meeting on November 25.

The bi-monthly meeting began at 9 a.m., with all members present, and after adopting the minutes of the previous meeting, got into the business of opening bids on cars, road striping and asphalt.

Four local automobile dealers bid on a new car for the engineer and presented bids ranging from \$11,803.90 to \$10,789. The low bid was from City Auto Sales, but an action was taken on awarding a contract for the purchase of a car because the low bidder failed to meet all specifications listed on the bid form. The commission will make a decision after meeting with its attorney on the legalities of accepting the low bid, although it did not include all the specs.

The bids on two cars for the sheriff's department also drew responses from four dealers, and the time the bids ranged from a high of \$24,207.94 (for both cars) to \$22,720.26 as the low bid. The low bid, which was submitted by Ed

Sherling Ford, was accepted.

Bids on asphalt and prime to be used in road paving and repairs were opened with three local contractors being represented. The low bids were accepted, with S & C Materials, Wiregrass Construction and Couch Construction all receiving a part of the bid.

In other action at Monday's meeting, the commission: ***passed a resolution declaring Farm-City Week in the county and listed as New Brockton Mayor Jim Driskell gave a brief outline of the week's activities; ***appointed a three-member committee to meet with a licensed dietitian to finalize a contract for providing court-ordered dietary

planning for the prisoners in the county jail;

***authorized the sheriff to purchase a new stove for use at the county jail; ***accepted a bid from Vulcan Signs for the purchase of various signs to be placed along roads across the county;

***told the county engineer to repair heavy equipment at the landfill in the county shop; ***was told that the railroad tracks along Hwy. 84 near the Shiloh Community would soon be removed to allow for road work to begin; ***discussed building livestock-holding pens at the Farm Center building in New Brockton; and ***paid bills.

Escapee Returns To Coffee County Jail

Howard K. Tolston, an inmate at the Coffee County Jail who escaped last week by slipping through a hole between the fence surrounding the jail and a gate, walked back through the gate this week and turned himself in.

According to Sheriff's Dept. officials, Tolston called the jail Tuesday morning, November 12, and said he would be coming back on the bus. Authorities didn't meet the afternoon bus at the station; however, Tolston apparently arrived on the bus, because he arrived at the jail shortly thereafter.

State P & S Commissioner Tells Local Board That Problems Won't Disappear Overnight

Mrs. Gwendolyn Williams, newly appointed commissioner of the State Department of Pensions and Security, was present at last week's meeting of the Coffee County Board of Pensions and Security and promised changes in the department, but also warned that the department's problems didn't appear overnight and wouldn't disappear just because of a change at the top.

Mrs. Williams was appointed to the commissioner's post in October by Gov. Wallace and carries with her a thorough knowledge of accounting and a first-hand insight into the working of the department.

"There is no real magic to reorganization," said Commissioner Williams. "It will be a process that will take time and careful consideration. I will attempt to make the P & S Department less bureaucratic and more productive."

"The first change will be an attempt to shift the emphasis from the state office to the county, where the needs are the greatest," added Williams. "We plan to transfer 25-40 employees from the state to county offices, and this alone will shift \$1 million in service to the counties. The P & S Dept. is in a crisis situation; however, a crisis carries with it opportunity. We have dangers and legal concerns in the

department, but with it we have the opportunity to publicize just what the department is all about.

"We need a commitment from the individuals of the state, and need to inform the public of the work that is done by workers in this department. The Pensions and Security Dept. is not just a welfare program -- it provides life-saving and life-altering programs to the public! The public needs to recognize the kind of people serving in the P & S Dept. These are not 8-5 workers; these are people who work with child abuse cases, adult services and emotional-related problems, not the problems faced by the normal 8-5 worker. Our workers can't leave their jobs on the desk when it's time to go home."

"The Pensions and Security Dept. is a half-billion-dollar agency," said the commissioner. "And all the funds go right back into local businesses and all forms of local government. I see a time for volunteerism in the P & S Dept., and unless volunteers come forward the department cannot grow. Volunteers don't cost money, but will generate support for the department and enable the programs needed by the public to thrive and continue to grow. There is a moral and civic responsibility for the department and the people to work together. The

community must understand what the programs are all about, and the only way to accomplish that is to educate the people about the programs."

"Money is important," stated Comm. Williams, "but it's not the only problem facing this department. We must get community assistance and support."

"It took years for the department to get where it is," declared Williams, "and it could take years to get it out of trouble. I don't see any additional funding in the coming year, but by early 1986 I think the P & S Dept. will better know its needs and be able to see a way out. We must bring the department in line as a business and we all know the financial problems are not going to go away. However, in coming months I think everyone will see the department running on better financial status."

The quarterly meeting began at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, November 7, at the local P & S building, and after routine approval of minutes, heard Mrs. Glenda Frazier, community resource specialist, explain newly created responsibilities of her position.

Mrs. Frazier, who also supervises Adult Services and Child Support, stated the Family Life

Enrichment Program is a program that believes there is a lot right with families and helps families build on their strengths.

"Families do face a lot of problems," said Mrs. Frazier, "but the key is to emphasize the good points and to expand them. I think the program has a tremendous potential and will grow."

Coffee County P & S Director Ron Smith presented his quarterly report and the report included both good and bad news. Smith stated two employees were promoted and a new social worker appointed since the last meeting, but added that "We desperately need at least two more Social Worker I positions in the child welfare unit and at least one Social Worker I in the Adult Services unit."

Smith pointed out that the local department had 33 workers back in 1981 and now has only 29, despite a marked increase in programs and population in the county, and declared, "Our staff in this department has worked too long overloaded and we must have some relief!"

The board also discussed the upcoming tour drive for needy families in the county and echoed Smith's concerns about the local employees being overworked, to the new commissioner.



State Pensions and Security Commissioner Gwendolyn Williams listens as local P&S board members explain problems at county department. Williams was present at last week's meeting of the Coffee County P&S Board and told of changes planned for the troubled state agency.